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Faculty Assembly Meeting  
March 4, 2015  
DiStefano Lecture Hall, Antone Academic Center  
3:00-4:30 p.m.  
Quorum Count: 60

The minutes from the February meeting were approved without objection.

Announcements:

Treasurer's Report (James Yarnall): The current amount in the Assembly's fund is \$1,040.68. Fifty-six members have paid their dues.

Adjunct Faculty: Craig Condella reported on his meeting with adjunct faculty members, which took place on February 24, 2015. About ten adjunct faculty members attended the meeting and the minutes of the meeting are posted on the Faculty Assembly Canvas page. Dr. Condella encouraged departments to include adjuncts as much as possible and announced that the adjunct faculty will start to appear on the Salve website in the fall.

SRyou Student Exposition (Laura O'Toole): Over 100 proposals were received for the SRyou Student Exposition and 225 students will be participating in the event.

Mission Committee: Craig Condella announced that the Mission Integration Grant Symposium will take place on March 25, 2015 from 4:00-5:30 p.m. in DiStefano Lecture Hall.

Philosophy Department: Craig Condella announced that 140 students still need to take PHL 220. One section will be offered in the summer and two sections will be offered in the fall. Sophomores, juniors, and seniors will not be permitted to take the new PHL 225 course that is being developed under the new core curriculum. The same situation exists in the Religious and Theological Studies Department regarding RTS 210.

VIA: Craig Condella announced the start of a revised VIA program, which will be directed by himself and John Rok. The program is currently recruiting freshmen. Any faculty interested in offering courses should contact either of the directors.

Curriculum Committee (Eileen Gray):

The committee presented two proposals for vote.

Motion: The Curriculum Committee moves that the Faculty Assembly endorse the change in the credits for a new elective course as outlined by the proposal submitted by the Biology Department at Salve Regina University.

Question: What are the credits changing from?

Answer (Eileen Gray): I'm not positive. It was a former special topics course being changed to a regular biology course that will be listed in the catalog and count for core credit. There is no change in credits.

Question: Does the wording of the motion need to be changed?

Answer (Craig Condella): We should move to table the biology motion for the time being.

The motion to table was passed by voice vote.

Motion: The Curriculum Committee moves that the Faculty Assembly endorse the revision in the Healthcare Administration and Management Minor as outlined by the proposal submitted by the Business Department at Salve Regina University.

Yes	83%
No	10%
Abstain	7%

The motion passed.

There was a motion to amend the original biology motion.

Amended Motion: The Curriculum Committee moves that the Faculty Assembly endorse the change in the course to a new core elective course as outlined by the proposal submitted by the Biology Department at Salve Regina University.

Yes	72%
No	18%
Abstain	11%

The motion to amend passed.

Vote on the amended motion:

Yes	71%
No	21%
Abstain	9%

The motion passed.

Comment: This was an internal departmental decision that shouldn't have been brought to the full Assembly. We're getting into too much minutiae.

Answer (Eileen Gray): I agree, but these were the criteria set up by the Faculty Assembly for the Curriculum Committee. Some of the wording no longer applies under the new core.

Comment: We haven't had to vote on the university seminars and they're all new courses.

Comment (Craig Condella): This is an issue that the Assembly will need to address.

Update from Academic Affairs (Scott Zeman):

Dr. Scott Zeman (Provost and VP for Academic Affairs) provided an update on the ongoing process of reforming and restructuring the Office of Academic Affairs.

After reviewing the conversations he had with members of the faculty, Dr. Zeman discussed the three main concerns that have come to his attention:

- The division between Arts and Sciences and the Professional Studies, and the desire for greater integration and collaboration among Arts and Sciences and Professional Studies departments.
- Feelings among the faculty of being disempowered and disenfranchised.
- The need to enhance academic excellence at Salve.

Dr. Zeman announced that an interim administrative structure will be in place beginning in July, which offers the opportunity to test some administrative structure models.

Other pressing matters include the ongoing issues with information technology, internal communications within the university, and faculty workload.

A question and answer session followed Dr. Zeman's remarks.

Adjourned 4:11 p.m.